

**GCSE**

**Religious Studies (World Religions)**

**Muslim Texts 1**

**Specimen Paper**

**B587**

Time: 1 hour

Candidates answer on the question paper.

**Additional materials: none**

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### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the boxes above.
- Use black ink only.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer any **TWO** questions; you must answer all parts (a-c) of the two questions that you choose.
- Do not write in the bar codes.
- Do not write outside the box bordering each page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.

### INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks for each question is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **48**.
- Quality of written communication is assessed throughout the paper
- Should you need more space to write your answers there is an extra page at the end of the paper.
- If you need to use this extra page you must number your answers clearly.

This document consists of **8** printed pages.

Answer **TWO** questions (a, b and c parts should be answered for **each** question).

1 Surah 2:177

**(a)** Describe what this passage teaches about how Muslims should live.

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**(b)** Explain what the texts you have studied teach about charity.

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- (c)** 'You should give to charity because people need help and not for your own reward.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Muslim Texts in your answer.

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**Total [24]**

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## 2 Surah 112

**(a)** What teachings about the nature of Allah are found in this Surah?

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**(b)** Explain how the beliefs in this passage might strengthen a Muslim's faith.

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- (c) 'The Qur'an is a very old book and the texts would be easier to understand if they were written in modern English.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Muslim Texts in your answer.

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### 3 Surah 33:35

**(a)** Describe who will receive a great reward according to the texts you have studied.

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**(b)** Explain how the teaching in Surah 33:35 (The Clans) might help strengthen the Ummah.

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### Extra Answer Space

**Clearly label which question you are answering.**

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Question Number	Answer	Max Mark
1(a)	<p><b>Surah 2:177</b>  <b>Describe what this passage teaches about how Muslims should live.</b></p> <p>Candidates may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• describe and expand on the contents of Surah 2:17;</li> <li>• these texts refer to Muslim virtues and codes of conduct;</li> <li>• set these ways of living in specific contexts with examples;</li> <li>• belief in Allah, The Last Day, Angels, The Book, The Messengers;</li> <li>• help others out of love for Allah;</li> <li>• prayer;</li> <li>• charity;</li> <li>• fulfil contracts;</li> <li>• firm and patient.</li> </ul>	[6]
1(b)	<p><b>Explain what the texts you have studied teach about charity.</b></p> <p>Surah 2:177 may be quoted. Answers are likely to focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The concept of zakah;</li> <li>• Some may go further and consider sadaqah.</li> </ul> <p>Candidates might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zakah, as one of the Five Pillars of Islam, is actually ‘purification of wealth by payment of annual welfare due’ and is something which Muslims are required to give once a year at a fixed rate of their surplus income;</li> <li>• Sadaqah is what is more commonly understood as charity and may be given at any time for any purpose.</li> </ul>	[6]
1(c)	<p><b>‘You should give to charity because people need help and not for your own reward.’</b></p> <p><b>Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Muslim Texts in your answer.</b></p> <p>Answers must refer to Muslim texts and consider whether this statement is justified.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surah 2:177</li> <li>• Giving zakah and giving money to charity should be out of love for Allah not out of self-interest;</li> <li>• The Five Pillars – Zakah</li> <li>• Obedience.</li> <li>• Some people may think that there will be a reward just because they give money.</li> <li>• Some people, may perform charitable acts to get reward and admiration in this life as well as the next. They may view it as just</li> </ul>	[12]

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	return for a sacrifice which they have made and which others have avoided.	
<b>Question Total</b>		<b>[24]</b>
2(a)	<p><b>Surah 112</b></p> <p><b>What teachings about the nature of Allah are found in this Surah?</b></p> <p>Answers may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• focus on the oneness of Allah – tawhid;</li> <li>• the eternal and absolute nature of Allah;</li> <li>• the idea that Allah was not born and also that he ‘begetteth not’;</li> <li>• this passage points out an important difference between Islam and Christianity.</li> </ul>	<b>[6]</b>
2(b)	<p><b>Explain how the beliefs in this passage might strengthen a Muslim’s faith.</b></p> <p>Answers may include explanations of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• knowing the absolute nature of Allah means that a Muslim might feel more confident in their beliefs;</li> <li>• it all helps to avoid the pitfalls of trying to understand Allah;</li> <li>• Allah is a personality, not just abstract;</li> <li>• Nothing is comparable to Allah – he is unique;</li> <li>• His is not limited by time or space;</li> <li>• the beliefs expressed might strengthen the Ummah because of the shared nature of belief in one God.</li> </ul>	<b>[6]</b>
2(c)	<p><b>‘The Qur’an is a very old book and the texts would be easier to understand if they were written in modern English.’</b></p> <p><b>Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Muslim Texts in your answer.</b></p> <p>Answers may refer to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They would be easier to understand if it was published in modern English because it would be immediately accessible to everyone.</li> <li>• The Qur’an was revealed in Arabic because that was Allah’s choice and that it is unchangeable and untranslatable;</li> <li>• Muslims have understood it for over a thousand years and that therefore there is no inherent problem;</li> <li>• Muslims should learn Arabic so that they can read the Qur’an as it was originally written;</li> <li>• The Qur’an cannot be translated because this would be changing</li> </ul>	<b>[12]</b>

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	the words of Allah and also that it would lose its exact meaning.	
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<b>3(a)</b>	<p><b>Surah 33:35</b></p> <p><b>Describe who will receive a great reward according to the texts you have studied.</b></p> <p>Candidates may describe some of the following from Surah 33:35: which suggest that people who show these virtues may be rewarded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Belief;</li> <li>• Devotion;</li> <li>• Patience;</li> <li>• Constancy;</li> <li>• Submission;</li> <li>• Charitable works;</li> <li>• Fasting;</li> <li>• Chastity;</li> <li>• Praise of Allah.</li> </ul>	<b>[6]</b>
<b>3(b)</b>	<p><b>Explain how the teaching in Surah 33:35 (The Clans) might help strengthen the Ummah.</b></p> <p>Candidates might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• individual qualities such as Praising Allah or Fasting are central to beliefs of all Muslims and the teaching reinforces their importance;</li> <li>• the qualities which the text is encouraging are also qualities shared by the Ummah, thus reinforcing for Muslims the solidarity of their faith;</li> <li>• individuals aspiring to these qualities will feel closer to fellow Muslims no matter where they are and so strengthen the local community and the wider community of the Ummah.</li> </ul>	<b>[6]</b>
<b>3(c)</b>	<p><b>‘Worship is the most important part of Muslim life.’</b></p> <p><b>Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Muslim Texts in your answer.</b></p> <p>Answers may explain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Islam is the submission to the will of Allah which, in itself, is worship. Hence lifestyle and attitude towards life are forms of worship making it continual and thus not the most important part, but life itself;</li> <li>• Worship is only one aspect of Muslim life and that there are other</li> </ul>	<b>[12]</b>

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	<p>aspects, such as those given in Surah 33:35 which are equally or more important;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Muslims can make a choice as to how to balance worship and the other qualities which they are expected to show. At different time one may be more important than the other, including worship.</li> </ul>	
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<b>Paper Total</b>		<b>[48]</b>

**Assessment Objectives Grid (includes QWC)**

<b>Question</b>	<b>AO1</b>	<b>AO2</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>1(a)</b>	6		<b>6</b>
<b>1(b)</b>	6		<b>6</b>
<b>1(c)</b>		12	<b>12</b>
<b>2(a)</b>	6		<b>6</b>
<b>2(b)</b>	6		<b>6</b>
<b>2(c)</b>		12	<b>12</b>
<b>3(a)</b>	6		<b>6</b>
<b>3(b)</b>	6		<b>6</b>
<b>3(c)</b>		12	<b>12</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>48</b>